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COUNTY MATTERS BRIEFLY STATED

**CRUIT COURT SESSION
TO BE HELD BEGIN-
NING MARCH 8.**

ARCH TERM OF COUNTY COURT

**Old Work on 1915 Assess-
ment to Begin Early Next
Week.**

The regular March term of County Court will convene on the 3rd inst. Judge Eakin will convene an adjourned session of Circuit Court in St. Helens on Monday, March 8th, a three day's term at least, and which will continue throughout the week.

Beginning the first of next week Deputy Assessors, Martin White and Harry Wood, will commence the work on the 1915 assessment. Assessor Blakesly will join the field force and assist in that part of the work.

On February 19th Judge Clark made an order in probate that all matters of public concern in the estate of Clara Johnson, deceased, be given by posting of notices instead of publication. An order was also made on the 23rd, appointing Francis L. Holdorf administratrix of the estate of John Holdorf, deceased County School Superintendent. He is outlining a plan for betterment of conditions among the rural schools where attendance is small. He hopes to be able in the very near future to effect several consolidations, which will greatly add to the efficiency of the service. Mr. Allen states that he has applications from a number of the districts asking that the schools be standardized, which simply means the adoption of a code prescribed regulations to conform to the state law.

The County Court is maintaining a few small crews of men on the roads in different parts of the county. One crew being at work at present near Spitzenberg, another near Astoria and one in the vicinity of Helens. Plans are formulating at present for the installation of a permanent road improvement between Helens and Houlton. The bed of the proposed improved road will be fifteen feet wide, with a well constructed foundation and an oil-bound surface of lighter rock construction. The work has in contemplation a good deal of road improvement work, to be inaugurated just as soon as weather conditions will permit.

REPAIRS ON STEAMER ARE NEARLY DONE

Repairs and rebuilding that have cost an expense of approximately \$20,000 are nearing completion on the Grace Santa Catalina on the Columbia river and the vessel, which was almost destroyed by fire last November, will shortly be in commission.

On being turned over to her owners, the Santa Catalina will re-enter service from North Pacific ports New York via the Panama canal with the steamers Santa Cecilia, Santa Cruz and Santa Clara. When the Santa Catalina re-enters service she will be in as good condition as when she caught fire in the Columbia river several months ago. She was then one of the newest vessels of the American fleet of the Grace company. The process of rebuilding the bent and twisted steel plates, which had been warped by the intense heat, was done by the Wilmette Iron & Steel Works, while the fitting of new staterooms and the house was carried out by the St. Helens Shipbuilding Company.

Mr. and Mrs. John Parker, of Kalama, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Davis, of Astoria, arrived in St. Helens today to attend the funeral of the late W. D. Case. Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Davis are daughters of Mr. Case.

THE GRIM REAPER CLAIMS HIS TOLL

**Ex-County Commissioner Dies
and is Buried at
Portland.**

Warren Derice Case died at Warren, Oregon, Thursday, February 25, of chronic heart trouble. Mr. Case was a well known citizen of Columbia County, having located at Pittsburg twenty-seven years ago, where he was engaged in the sawmill business, in company with I. W. Detrick and Chas. H. Briggs. Mr. Case was born in New York state August 12, 1847, and came to Portland thirty-three years ago. Deceased was elected county commissioner in 1900, serving four years, after which he engaged in farming and other pursuits, being engaged during more recent years in caring for the county farm, near Warren. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. John Parker, of Kalama, and Mrs. Grover Davis, of Astoria. Funeral services will be held in the Methodist church at St. Helens Saturday morning, under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias. Interment taking place at Lone Fir cemetery, Portland, later in the day.

Mr. J. W. Armstrong, one of the well known farmers of the Goble community died at his Goble home on the 24th of this month. Mr. Armstrong was one of the leaders of the Columbia County Grange, having been organizer and Master for several years. He was also a member of the Redmen Lodge, which organization had charge of the funeral services at Goble this afternoon. Deceased was 71 years old and had lived in Columbia County for many years. He leaves a wife and one son.

Charles Lewis Farris, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Farris, of Vell February 23, aged thirty-two years. Death was due to an attack of chicken pox. The remains were brought to St. Helens and laid to rest in the family plot in Masonic cemetery, on Germany Hill. Mrs. Farris is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Muckle, of this city.

Mr. Charles Stead, a farmer residing near Warren, died at his home on February 20th, after an illness extending over several months. Mr. Stead moved with his family to Warren about a year ago from Vader, Wash., and some time last fall contracted a severe cold which later developed into pneumonia and finally into tuberculosis. He leaves a wife and three small children. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. N. Wood, of Houlton, Monday afternoon and interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

TAX COMMISSION POSTS TREASURERS

The State Tax Commission on Thursday notified the county treasurers that under a law passed at the recent session of the Legislature penalties or interest will not be collectible on second-half taxes in case the first half is paid before April 1 this year. Taxes this year will be collected under the old law with this important change, the bill providing for two distinct periods of payments, also passed at the recent session, not applying until 1916. Beginning next year, the sheriffs will be tax collectors, a law passed at the recent session transferring the duty to them.

SALMON DAY DINNER BY CHURCH LADIES

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational Church will give a salmon dinner on Salmon Day, March 12, in the Guild Hall, to which the public is most cordially invited. The menu will not consist alone of this succulent fish, but following out a state-wide and most popular custom, Chinook salmon will be the principal feature of Salmon Day dinners everywhere on that date. The proceeds derived from this dinner will be devoted toward paying taxes and other assessments against the church property.

CANNERY IS NOW READY FOR OPERATION

Fruit and Vegetable Producers Assured of Permanent and Profitable Market.

STOCKHOLDERS AND PRODUCERS HAVE JOINT MEETING

Institution Will Prove Valuable Aid to the Producers of the Community and a Lucrative Undertaking for the Promoters.

All the stockholders, many persons who had subscribed for stock, and numerous business men attended the meeting of the Columbia River Canning & Produce Company at its plant in this city last Saturday the 20th. It had been planned by the officers of the company to have a lecturer from O. A. C., at that time, but in this they were disappointed because of prior dates for the lecturer, but some time later another meeting will be held, and the lecturer will be on hand. A number of farmers of Bachelor Flat, Warren and Yankton were present, and numerous short speeches were made. On every hand it was apparent that the farmers and gardeners of the community are going to heartily co-operate with the new concern and from statements and promises made the success of the enterprise is assured. Several business men of St. Helens also made addresses pledging support, and a feeling was manifest throughout the meeting of that establishment in our city was the fore runner of much development of a country and an assured market for the products.

The plant of the company is nearly complete with machinery of all kinds and they are ready for the business to begin. The machinery installed is capable of turning out \$600 cans of beans daily, and other fruit and vegetables. This means 333 cases or 667 dozen cans each day. When the plant is running to its capacity it will employ about 25 people. A 35 horse

power engine with a 40 horsepower boiler will permit of added machinery as necessity requires. Already the company has arranged for a market for all their products and they are ready to make contracts with the producers as soon as the contracts are prepared, which will be about March 15th. After that time farmers and gardeners will be able to contract their entire crops at market prices. In addition to contracting their products the farmers and gardeners may call upon Louis Rosasco, the most successful and experienced gardener in the county, who will be ready and willing at all times to advise and instruct any person who may desire any information.

In addition to the canning of fruits and vegetables the company will handle all kinds of seeds, fruit sprays, land plaster and fertilizer.

The officers of the company are all men of business experience and have entered this business to make of it a success. They are dependent upon the co-operation of the producers of the community and from the manner in which they have started out the people are going to have confidence in them and the solution of a market for the small farmer and fruit grower is at hand.

The business will be a success from the start. It means much to the community. Everybody interested in the development of this section of the county should lend every encouragement to the enterprise and they will do so.

COAST LUMBER TO BE SOLD ON ATLANTIC

The Charles R. McCormick Lumber Company, has opened an office for the sale of St. Helens lumber in New York City. Mr. C. E. Bland, formerly manager of the Los Angeles office for this company, has been placed in charge of the eastern office and is already located. The Steamer St. Helens has been chartered for the first load of Columbia County fir and she will begin loading in the near future at St. Helens and will proceed through the canal to New York, where her cargo has already been disposed of. Other vessels have also been chartered and prospects are very favorable for a large business in the east by this company.

POPULAR COUPLE IS MATRIMONIAL TEAM

A wedding of interest to St. Helens people took place at Vancouver, Wash., last week when Frank Cole of St. Helens, and Miss Ollie Tompkins, of Scappoose, were united in marriage. They returned to St. Helens after the ceremony and will make their home near the Columbia County Mill in South St. Helens. Mr. Cole is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cole and has been in the employ of the St. Helens Lumber Company for several years. He is a highly respected young man in the community. The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins, of Scappoose, where she has many friends among the young folks.

Smelt have been so plentiful in St. Helens the past week or two that the market is overstocked and the fishermen are having trouble in disposing of their catches. During the past few days 50 pound boxes have been offered for fifteen cents and many people have purchased a supply for salting and smoking.

BOY SCOUTS THANK THEIR BENEFACTORS

The Boy Scouts wish to publicly thank the members of the Guild for their kindness in allowing them to meet in Guild Hall. They have received permission from the Firemen to meet one night each week in the Firemen Hall and have use of the gymnasium so that it will be an ideal place for meetings. The Boy Scouts of this city have quite a thorough organization and each boy is proud of his uniform and equipment. Each one is looking forward to the time when camping trips will be in order and Mr. Meyer, the leader, is well satisfied with the work accomplished.

COLONY OF GREEKS INDULGE IN WARFARE

When Greek met Greek down on the street yesterday the result was one badly scratched and bruised face and one bitten finger and bruised and bleeding face. Louie Jaras and Louie Durus, Greek workmen at the mill, met in combat on the street with the result as above stated. Louie Durus seemed to be the most damaged of the two and consequently appeared before Justice Watkins and had a warrant issued charging Louie Jaras with assault with a dangerous weapon and the hearing of the case will take place this afternoon.

John Cooper, who drives one of the elab wagons at the mill in this city, was painfully injured Wednesday morning when he was turning the crank which released the bed to dump the load and the crank slipped and struck him on the head, causing a bad scalp wound. He was taken to the hospital in Portland.

A delicious roast beef supper was served by the ladies of the M. E. Church last Friday evening which was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all who partook.

REDMEN TRIBE HOLDS 'BIG POW-WOW'

**Initiate Six Palefaces and Par-
take of Heap Good
Muck-a-Muck.**

An interesting sight this evening on the streets of St. Helens was the capture of the city by a band of Indian Warriors. Emerging from the entrance of the K. of P. Hall about 8:30 o'clock nearly 100 Indians, in war paint and costumes, carrying brands of fire and making the night hideous with their war whoops, marched in stealthy manner up the street until in front of the Rosenthal store where they pitched their camp and immediately kindled a big fire. Two skulking warriors slipped through the crowds until their eyes alighted on the smiling face of Marshal Chittim when with a bound and a whoop the brave marshal was captured and literally carried before the Big Chief at the camp fire, and orders were given to burn the captive at the stake. Poor old City Marshal was then tied securely to the stake and red fire lighted which coloring was in direct contrast to the white face of the victim. After doing the war dance around the victim one of the brave warriors took out his knife and proceeded to go through the motions of scalping the pale faced victim. All of this proceeding was highly entertaining to the crowd of people who were watching, but perhaps not so humorous to Mr. Chittim. However, the Goble team of Redmen who had come to St. Helens to assist the local lodge in initiation work had lots of fun and demonstrated their ability to put on Redmen work as it should be done.

Altogether there were about 100 Redmen from various tribes around the county who attended the big meeting and a generally successful and interesting time is reported.

EXPLOITING THE HIGHWAY SCANDAL

The following editorial from the Hillsboro Independent is very pertinent:

"The Portland Journal comments on the discharge of Engineer Bowly under the heading 'The Highway Scandal,' and persists in ascribing the dropping of the engineer to the influence of disgruntled contractors. Perhaps if it would dig into the discrepancy between the engineer's estimates for the Columbia highway and work completed and yet to be done, and financial conditions in Columbia county as a result, matter to justify the heading would be disclosed. As The Independent has before said, it is difficult to understand why this question has not been frankly dealt with. Conditions in Columbia county are generally understood and it is well known that no extensive highway work will be undertaken by the counties until they are convinced that different methods will be adopted. If Mr. Bowly was not to blame his friends should have gone deeply into all the facts instead of making vague charges that he was the victim of a conspiracy. The easiest way to do this would be to prove that conditions on the Columbia highway are not as stated, not by contractors but by the taxpayers interested. But this phase has been consistently ignored."

ELDERLY LADY IS NICELY ENTERTAINED

Monday afternoon, February 22nd, Mrs. J. L. Zipperer entertained with a lunch at her apartments in this city in honor of Mrs. N. A. Ashby. The rooms were artistically decorated with flags, shields and little hatchets. The color scheme of the dining room was red and green and from the chandelier was suspended a shower of flags, shields and hatchets. In the center of the table was a bouquet of red carnations surrounded with candles, prettily shaded. The place cards were little hatchets and the favors were potted cherry trees. Ices consisted of little mounds surmounted by a tiny flag in the center. The refreshments were delicious. Those present were Mrs. Ashby, Mrs. J. George, Mrs. Quick, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Pondergast, Mrs. Wm. Muckle, Mrs. Arthur George, Mrs. C. H. John, Mrs. Dillard; Mrs. Miller assisted Mrs. Zipperer in serving.

SENATOR M'BRIDE MAKES RECORD

**COMMITTEE APPOINT-
MENTS VERY HELPFUL
TO HIM.**

HANDLED IMPORTANT MATTERS

**Assessment and Taxation Af-
fairs Were Ably Looked
After.**

Salem, Ore., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Although his first time in a law-making body, Senator McBride, of Columbia, Clackamas and Multnomah Counties, succeeded in carving out a rather remarkable record at the session of the Legislature which just closed.

Being awarded the Committee on Revision of Laws, one of the most important in the Senate and a committee which receives as many, if not more, bills than any other committee, he accomplished something which it is doubtful that any chairman of that committee has ever before accomplished in an Oregon legislature.

There was 64 bills that went before the committee for consideration. A vast number of these received unfavorable consideration by the committee and were reported adversely. But not a single report of the committee, adverse or otherwise, went into the Senate, but what it was upheld by that body. It is probable that legislative history in this state at least, as far as a committee of such importance as that of revision of laws is concerned, holds no similar record in Oregon.

Senator McBride also achieved the distinction of not introducing a bill during the session. He introduced but one measure of any kind, this being in the nature of a resolution to place on the ballot a proposed constitutional amendment. The amendment proposed would repeal the section of the constitution which refuses to Negroes, Chinamen and Mulattoes the right of suffrage.

This amendment was abrogated by amendments to the constitution of the United States. Nevertheless they stand in the printed copies of the constitution and have been found to be particularly objectionable to the Negro race as they give a false idea to growing children who read the constitution in the schools.

Aside from the work of the Committee on the Revision of Laws Senator McBride was particularly active in connection with the work of the committee on Assessment and Taxation. A number of bills were side-tracked by that committee because of "jokers" located in them by Senator McBride. He also pushed a fight to amend the tax collection law, which was passed, to require a two per cent penalty on delinquency for the first half payment, believing that this would relieve the complaint made by some tax collector that the bill as passed would be too lenient and not secure sufficient funds for the government on the first half payment.

This tax collection law, however, was approved by Senator McBride as it stands, with the possible exception of the two per cent penalty and it is believed that it will prove to be one of the most popular tax collection laws ever placed on the statute books.

ODDFELLOWS HALL SCENE OF INVASION

After the regular meeting of the Odd Fellows last week the members of the Rebekahs broke into the hall with wagon loads of good things to eat. Several small wagons filled with pies, cakes, sandwiches and other things were rolled into the hall, while doughnuts, other cakes and various other articles of food were taken into the hall in odd and ludicrous manners. The men were surprised all right but proved equal to the occasion when the tables were spread.